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Oscar Williams

THE BUBBLE

We have kings, and the deadly sins seven;
We have lives for all things that die;
We have wars and quite a bit of trouble:
But God, ensconced in his heaven,
Watches through air blue as sky,
And delights in his beautiful bubble.

THE RETURN

In some far and lonely midnight
I shall arise as in a dream,
And part dark curtains on a strange room
Where mysterious candles gleam.

I shall open an unknown book
In that weird and wind-stirred place,
And come upon a poem
With a sad face.

I shall listen to my dead heart's cry
Faint through the years that are gone,
And I shall feel over my shoulder
The Silence looking on.

And very softly he will touch me,
And I shall turn toward the gloom;
He will take my arm and quietly
Lead me out of the room.

Oscar Williams